

## RECORD NUMBER OF CAMPERS GETS KAWANHEE OFF TO A BLAZING START



Lake Webb and the surrounding mountains.

### OPENING OF CAMP

On Sunday, June 26, 1988, the 68th season of Camp Kawanhee opened under a beautiful blue sky. As usual, plenty of pre-camp work had been done to get ready for the camp season. Grass was mowed, tennis courts prepared, lodges cleaned and readied, and docks and boats were in the water. Camp also has a brand new office complex which is nearing completion. This should provide more room to the office staff in preparing the camp program.

One of the more exciting things about the new season is that Kawanhee has a record number of campers. Over 150 boys will be spending the summer at Kawanhee which is the most ever in Kawanhee's history. With the addition of these campers, two new lodges--Panther and Bullfrog--have been added to Kawanhee.

As the boys arrived on Sunday evening, each camper excitedly found his home for the summer and learned about the procedures and rules here at Kawanhee. On the first full day of camp, there



The new Kawanhee Office.

were little league and softball tryouts and swimming tests. On Tuesday, all campers participated in safety lectures at the various activities, and on Wednesday, the full schedule of activities began. It should be a good summer full of activity.

### PICKING OF THE TEAMS AND TUG-OF-WAR

On Thursday, June 30, a great, suspenseful hush fell over the dining hall as the 1988 Maroon and Grey captains were announced. The entire camp is split into two teams, and they compete the entire summer by earning points in their activities and special competitions. As usual, Kawanhee picked two outstanding young men to lead these teams. Greg Mullen from Scarsdale, New York, a counselor in Bear Lodge, was chosen as captain of the Greys, and Jeff Stroman from Ewing, New Jersey, a counselor in Deer Lodge, was chosen as captain of the Maroons. After rest hour, the teams were officially picked and then both teams met on the athletic field for the first competition of the year--the Tug-of-War. It was an exciting competition, but the Greys won all three pulls to win the Tug-of-War.



Picking the Maroon and Grey teams.



The Tug-of-War begins.





The Greys at the moment of victory in the Tug-of-War.

### COMING OF THE CHIEF

On Saturday, July 2, it was time for one of Kawanhee's great traditions, the coming of the Chief. As darkness neared, all campers and staff assembled in the rec hall for a short presentation on the history of Weld and Kawanhee given by Mr. Herb Birch. After this presentation, the Kawanhee family headed out to Council Point for the actual ceremony. Mr. Birch called for the Chief, and after his third call, the Chief appeared. At the beginning of the ceremony, the message from the campers of 1987 was read to the campers of 1988. Then the four small fires were lit, and finally the large campfire was lit. As the Chief spoke to the campers he talked about the many good things of Kawanhee and how to treat his woods and each other as people. At the conclusion of the ceremony, each camper and staff member threw a small stick into the fire showing his/her sacrifice to Kawanhee. The Chief left, but he will return in two moons to say goodbye to the campers of 1988.



Target practice with Andy Brown.

### KAWANHEE - THEN AND NOW

by Ben Hoffhine

I am doing a column on Camp Kawanhee - Then and Now. This article will appear in the next four issues of *The Wigwam*. I have selected a couple of former campers for each time period. There are five time periods: 20's-30's, 40's-50's, 60's-77, 77-88.

I interviewed Mr. Walter Estabrook who is the owner of the camp and was a camper at Kawanhee during the 1930's. He has several sons who were also Kawanhee campers and counselors.

The first question I asked him was "What was the food like?" He answered, "The food was good, but not as good as now." "How many campers were in camp?" I asked. He said, "There were 110 campers in camp in 1934." "Were the facilities better then or now?" "Much better now!" "Are there different buildings now than there used to be?" "Yes, the dining hall and the new office." "What as the funniest thing you remember?" "When there was a fake car auction on the Athletic Field with all the staff's cars."

### JULY 4 AT KAWANHEE

On July 4, campers were treated to two delicious barbeques to help celebrate the birthday of the United States. In the afternoon it was time for the annual "capture the flag" game between the Maroons and Greys. Usually this game is closely competitive, but this year the Maroons, behind the daring exploits of their captain, Jeff Stroman, and Chris Huntington, captured five out of six possible flags and easily won 225 to 0. All campers agreed that it was a fun afternoon even if they did get a little dirty and sweaty.

In the evening, the trivia contests were judged. Each lodge had to identify 20 famous Americans from a list of clues. The winning lodge in each category won a gift certificate to the Weld Inn for ice cream. The winning lodges were announced as Falcon Lodge, Beaver Lodge, Wildcat Lodge and Badger Lodge. Pate and Nancy van den Honert won the staff competition.



The Ricart brothers in "Capture the Flag" action.



Enjoying the July 4th Cookout.

### INTRODUCING THE STAFF

In this issue of *The Wigwam*, we will introduce half the Kawanhee Staff. Look for the other half in the next issue of *The Wigwam*.

#### ARCHERY

**Chuck Compher, Sr.** returns to Kawanhee for his 12th year to head up the Archery Department. In the winter Chuck is a band director in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is also employed as a professional musician. Chuck is also an expert water skier and enjoys using his boat in free time.

**Nancy Van den Honert** makes Kawanhee her home for the fifteenth summer. This year Nancy is assisting in Archery for her first summer. During the school year, Nancy is a music teacher in the public schools in Salina, Kansas. In her free time, Nancy enjoys jogging, playing bridge, cooking, traveling and learning about nature. Nancy also reports that she is presently singing with two community choral groups and enjoys it a great deal.



**Shyam Rajadhyaksha** returns for his fifth year at Kawanhee. This will be Shyam's first year in the Archery Department. Shyam is a student at Worthington High School near Columbus, Ohio. At school, Shyam is on the track team, student council and is class treasurer.

## BASEBALL

**Pete Belskis** returns for his sixteenth year at Kawanhee. Pete heads up the Baseball Department and also leads the Athletic Department at Kawanhee. Pete is a physical education and health instructor at Ashland Junior High in Ashland, Maine. Pete is varsity coach for the Ashland Hornets boys soccer team, and this past fall, his team won their third Eastern Maine Class C Soccer Championship. Pete is also the father of the youngest and newest Kawanhee camper--3½ month old Angela Cornelio Belskis.

**Tim Anderson** is the assistant athletic director at Kawanhee. This is Tim's second year at Kawanhee, although his first year was way back in 1972. Tim is a special education assistant and a head coach for a girls' basketball team when he is not at Kawanhee.



The waterfront at Kawanhee.

**Bernie Gehret** returns to Kawanhee for his seventh year to lend a very helpful hand in baseball. Bernie is a senior at Waterville High School in Waterville, Maine. Bernie competes in three sports at school--cross-country, basketball, and baseball. Bernie was honored to win the "Coaches Award" in baseball this year. Bernie also participates in Latin and Spanish Club and is a reporter for the school newspaper.

**Jonathan Tracy** makes his debut in the Baseball Department this year. He is a four-year veteran of Kawanhee, and when he is not at Kawanhee, he is a student at Whitehall Yearling High School in Columbus, Ohio. Jon collects sports memorabilia and comic books and enjoys playing soccer and baseball. Jon was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.

## SAILING

**Charlie Ballenger** returns to Kawanhee for his third year to again lead the Sailing Department. Charlie just graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston. Charlie plays piano and electronic keyboard instruments and composed and co-produced the music for the Kawanhee video. Charlie had an interesting experience this past spring when he spent the semester in Thailand. Charlie now reports he speaks some of the Thai language.

**Scott Barnes** makes Kawanhee his home for the eighth summer. Scott, as always, is a great addition to the Sailing Department. Scott will be a freshman at Ithaca College this fall. In his free time, Scott enjoys playing guitar, photography, drawing, painting, kayaking and, of course, sailing.

## WRESTLING

**Dan Keating** comes to Kawanhee for his first year to lead the Wrestling Department. Dan is a recent graduate of St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. At St. Lawrence, Dan led St. Lawrence to its first ever Division III National Championship. Dan took third in the 150 pound weight class in the national championships. Dan also plays acoustic guitar and is an accomplished singer and songwriter.

**Tim Horton** returns to Kawanhee for his fourth year to help out in the Wrestling Department. Tim attends Upper Arlington High School in Columbus, Ohio, and enjoys motorcycling, sailing and wrestling in his free time. Last year, Tim participated on the wrestling team at Upper Arlington and had a very successful season.

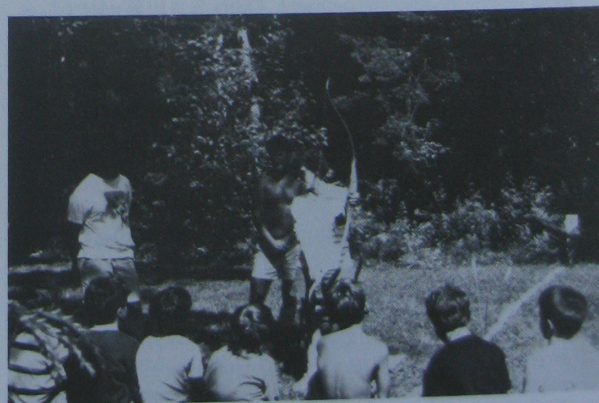
## SWIMMING

**Pete Van den Honert** comes back to direct swimming for a record 14th year. Pete is director of choral activities at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salinas, Kansas. Pete enjoys snow skiing and photography in his free time.

**Harry Wright** makes Kawanhee his home for the eighth summer as a senior swimming department member and also as Camp Chaplain. Harry attends Emory University Law School in Atlanta, Georgia, and he enjoys golf, swimming, cooking and hiking in his free time. Harry also adds that he's been married four years and that he's the former state champion of Ohio in speed-eating ice cream. He will be giving a demonstration of this still later in the summer.

**Brian Gibson** returns to Kawanhee for his sixth year to be a senior counselor in the Swimming Department. Brian is a student at the Maryland Institute College of Art where he is a Painting major. He also loves to read and write.

**Pam Novak** comes to Kawanhee for her third year but her first in the Swimming Department. Pam is a dance teacher in the winter, and she has three wonderful children including J.D. who is a camper in Birch Lodge. Her husband, John, also visits every summer to lend a helping hand around camp.



Nancy Van den Honert explaining Archery safety rules.





Hank Aaron Softball League action: Shawn Flaherty moves in to catch a pop-up. Can you find the ball?



Kawanhee Little League action.



"It's going, going, gone!"

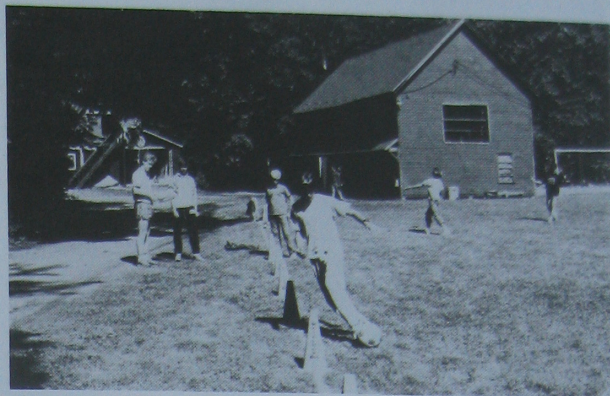
### **SOCCER**

The 1988 Camp Kawanhee soccer season is off to a great start this summer with a revamped level system and league play consisting of 3 divisions and 10 teams. Also, the field this year is in the best condition it has been in many years; new grass was planted early in the spring and the campers arrived to find a lush verdant "pitch."

League play this year has the campers grouped into peewee, mosquito, and senior divisions. The teams in the peewee division are the Conquistadors, the Hollywood Knights, and the Kawanhee Killers. The mosquito division teams are Juanna's Mamas, the Generics, the Rowdies, and the Horny Toads, while the senior division is comprised of the Revenge, La Armada Invencible, and the American Gringos II.

Eight games have been played so far and the competition has been very tight. In several weeks, two select teams will be travelling to Camp Manitou to represent Camp Kawanhee in Manitou's annual soccer tournament. We have traditionally fared

very well in these tournaments and judging from the strength and skill of this year's campers, both foreign and American, this year will be no exception.



Dexter DeVoe goes through soccer drills.

### **STAFF LODGE ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **Eagle:**

S.C.--Jamie Sanford  
J.C.--Jorge Granado

Darren Belskis  
Tim DeVoe  
Tim Donahey  
Alex Greene  
Issac Oates

#### **Falcon:**

S.C.--Jim Osborn  
J.C.--Tim Horton

Torrey Liddell  
Ryan Barnes  
Luis Benitez  
Jim Mullen  
Oriol Vila  
David Condit

#### **Panther:**

S.C.--Kerry Huckins  
S.C.--Andrew Zechiel  
J.C.--Geoff Graham

Luke Kopplitz  
P.J. Donahue  
Jason Wood  
Alex Murdock  
Adam Rozan  
Jeffrey Stewart  
David Dennett  
Ben Pleasure

#### **Pinetree:**

S.C.--Chuck Compher, Jr.  
J.C.--Jon Tracy

Enrique Pons  
Gustave Stieglitz  
John Hazelrigg  
Dain Cooke  
Inigo Oyarzabal  
Jimmy Buckmelter  
Jeffrey Hill  
Brian Huntington  
Art Rader  
Jason Tackett

#### **Hawk:**

S.C.--Dan Keating  
J.C.--Miguel Adroher

Richard Parker  
Jose Raga  
Adam Ramsey  
Fred Roth  
Walter Shin  
Borja Oyarzabal  
Ted DeVoe  
Luis Pascual  
Nacho Riva  
Dan Dawes

#### **Deer:**

S.C.--Charlie Ballenger  
J.C.--Jeff Stroman

Jim Dillon  
Gabe Gehret  
Zayd Hammam  
Chad Hollenbaugh  
Geb Jaeger  
David Lash  
Darin Lutz  
Matt McClellan  
Darron Moore  
David Frothingham  
Pedro Marti

#### **Beaver:**

S.C.--Mark Nelson  
J.C.--Jamie Miller

Tim Davis  
Warren Fish  
Trey Griley  
Steve Johnson  
Alan Michalak  
Tim Pray  
Don Rader  
Russ Jessen  
Sam Ellis  
Scott Hairston



**Birch:**

S.C.--Matthew Heintz  
 S.C.--Chris Corkery  
 J.C.--Shyam Rajadhyaksha  
 Edsel Langhorne  
 Mike Compher  
 Trevor Cooke  
 Jason Ricart  
 Brian Reilly  
 Borja Lopez-Ibor  
 Rudy Kauffman  
 John Koplitz  
 David Price  
 Steve Lenard  
 J.D. Novak  
 Kyle Smith  
 Joshua Rozan  
 Carlos Del Valle  
 Pete Walter

**Moose:**

S.C.--Andy Shahan  
 J.C.--Bernie Gehret  
 Carlos Torres  
 Bob Hart  
 Chris Bitterauf  
 Heath Ackley  
 Carter Bean  
 Jason Roth  
 Daisuke Koh  
 Alex Alexander  
 Tom Muther

**Lynx:**

S.C.--Mark Gibson  
 J.C.--Jeff Baumann

David Sanford  
 Eduardo Saldana  
 Eric Ricart  
 Juan Ramos  
 Cord Kantzer  
 Marco Ginorio  
 John Donahey  
 Kyle Johnson  
 Fred Papocchia  
 Max Haring

**Wildcat:**

S.C.--Paul Rotolo  
 S.C.--Scott Barnes  
 Billy Koplitz  
 Dexter DeVoe  
 Ted Bibart  
 Ben Hoffhine  
 Adam Brown  
 Robert Compher  
 Raphael Bouet  
 Will Carlin  
 Ivan Aquirre  
 Tony Soto

**Bear:**

S.C.--Brain Gibson  
 J.C.--Gregg Mullen  
 Jim Drew  
 Jason Banasik  
 Matt Burgermaster  
 Carlos Cami  
 Daniel Collins  
 Nacho Dualde  
 Roberto Fabelo  
 Ignacio Gonzales  
 Victor Shin  
 Michael Klapp

**Loon:**

S.C.--Alan McEwan  
 J.C.--Chris Wolcott  
 Marc Shakter  
 Carlos Vila  
 Marc Balcells  
 Christopher Berendes  
 Sam Ferrell  
 Alex Fuster  
 Yves Glotin  
 Craig LaRoche  
 Pedro Muntaner

**Badger:**

S.C.--Dan Webster  
 S.C.--Doug Graham  
 Jim Garland  
 Joe Highman  
 Tommy Greene  
 Derek Barnes  
 Miguel Reyes  
 Javier Santos  
 Chris Huntington

**Crow:**

S.C.--Chris Meehan  
 S.C.--Emil ten Broeke  
 Randy Prior  
 Mark Hoffman  
 Chris Berard  
 Andy Brown  
 Richie Donahey  
 Nick Ellis  
 Richard Lewis

**Bullfrog:**

S.C.--Fly MacPeak  
 S.C.--Tom Welsh  
 Todd Hall  
 Andy Graham  
 Eric Vasallo  
 Rupert Wetherilt  
 Brad Knueppel  
 Shawn Flaherty

**\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\***

As announced last year, Camp Kawanhee received word from the Internal Revenue Service that our request to form a foundation had been accepted. Consequently, we are now eligible to receive tax deductible donations which will be used to provide scholarships for boys regardless of race, color, or creed so that these boys can be enrolled at Camp Kawanhee for future seasons. The camp's Board of Directors believes that this is a very positive advancement, and will prove to be a strengthening force for Kawanhee, not only financially, but by bringing to our camp carefully selected boys who are worthy of such an honor and who will contribute positively by their own attitude and character. Any person, company, or organization wishing to donate, please make check to:

**CAMP KAWANHEE FOUNDATION**  
 Weld, Maine 04285

We will be grateful for your contributions.

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